thrown down, and was then breaking thro' the Tiles and Lathing of his Houſe.

I ſent a Servant out about 7 o'Clock, and he met a Countryman, who was bringing a Load of Hay from beyond *Highgate*, and who was on the other Side of the Town when the Shock happen'd; he did not, he ſaid, feel it, as he was driving his Waggon; but that the People he ſaw in the Town of *Highgate* were all greatly ſurpriſed, ſaying they had had their Houſes very much ſhock'd, and that the Chairs in ſome were thrown about in their Rooms.

The Chamber I lie in is up two Pair of Stairs forwards, and my Bed ſtands North Weſt and South-Eaſt. I took particular Notice, that there was neither Cart nor Coach going by, but that every thing was entirely quiet at the Time.

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An Account of the ſame, by the Rev. Mr. Tho. Birch *F. R. S.*

Read March 8. 1749-50. THIS Morning, *Thurſday March* 8. 1749-50. about 18 Minutes before 6, according to equal Time, or half an Hour after 5 by the Sun, I felt, in my Bed-chamber, on the ſecond Story of my Houſe in *Norfolk* Street, adjoining to the River, a Shock of an Earthquake, much ſtronger, and of longer Duration, than that which I had felt on *Thurſday Feb.* 8. I was full awake, and had juſt begun to dreſs myſelf, when I was alarm'd with the trembling of the Room, attended with

with a Noiſe ſomewhat different from that of the former Shock this Day Month, which ſeem'd to be occaſion'd by ſome great Weight falling upon the Floor above me; whereas the Noiſe of this latter appear'd to me caus'd only by the tremulous Motion of the whole Room and the adjoining ones, the Walls, Wainſcot, Furniture, *&c.*

When I came down to my Study on the firſt Floor, I found a Book thrown down from an upper Shelf.

My Family were awaken'd by the Shock. The Air was at that time, and for ſome Hours after, extremely calm, and the Wind weſterly.

This Account was drawn up immediately before I had ſeen any other Perſon, except my own Family.

I have been ſince told by a Gentleman, who reſided many Years in the *Weſt Indies*, that this laſt Shock was more violent than any he had felt there, except one at *Carthagena*, in which a City, about 200 Leagues diſtant from thence, was ſwallow'd up at that Inſtant.

Another Gentleman deſcrib'd to me the Senſation, upon being awaken'd by the Motion, to be like that of falling into a Fit.

Tho. Birch.